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» Laura Bell Bundy in "Legally Blonde"



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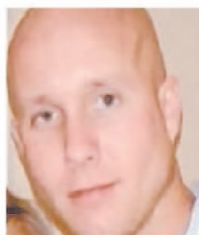
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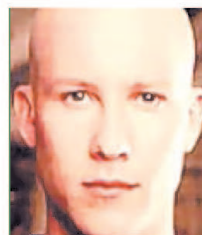
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Claggett



Rosenbaum

# Aye, aye caption



Thursday's winner: "You've been punk'd" —BRIAN MCL

## Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to [dlhernandez@tribune.com](mailto:dlhernandez@tribune.com). For Friday, we have Scott Claggett. Think he's a ringer for Michael Rosenbaum? Text "scott" and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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**TODAY'S FORECAST**

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Demonstrators rally Thursday in front of the California Supreme Court as arguments are heard for and against Proposition 8. GETTY IMAGES

# PROP 8 DEBATE

California justices hear arguments on state's same-sex marriage ban

## Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** As thousands demonstrated outside Thursday, California Supreme Court justices weighed whether the electorate's decision to ban same-sex marriage was a denial of fundamental rights or within what one justice called the people's "very broad powers" to amend the state constitution.

Gay-rights advocates are urging the court to overturn the ban, approved in November as Proposition 8, on the grounds it was put before voters improperly, or at least prematurely. Under state law, the Legislature must approve significant constitutional changes before they can go on the ballot.

Proposition 8's sponsors, represented in court by former Pepperdine law school dean and Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr, argue that the ballot initiative was approved correctly. They argue it would

## TIME TABLE

The California Supreme Court's seven justices have 90 days after the oral arguments in which to issue a ruling.

be a miscarriage of justice for the court to overturn the results of a fair election.

The ballot initiative, which passed with 52 percent of the vote, changed the California Constitution to trump last year's 4-3 Supreme Court decision that legalized gay marriage. The court found that denying same-sex couples the right to wed was an unconstitutional civil rights violation.

Minutes into the proceedings, the justices peppered lawyer Shannon Minter, arguing for gay-rights advocates, with tough questions over how the 14 words of Proposition 8 represent a revision of the state's constitution or a denial of fundamental rights.

Chief Justice Ron George asked what rights were lost other than being able to label their union as a marriage.

Justice Joyce Kennard noted that voters had successfully overturned a Supreme Court ruling that the death penalty represented cruel and unusual punishment.

Raymond Marshall, an attorney for minority groups such as the NAACP, replied that death penalty applies to all Californians.

The Supreme Court is hearing arguments on three points: Is Proposition 8 invalid because it constitutes a revision of, rather than an amendment to, the California Constitution? Does it violate the separation of powers doctrine under the California Constitution? And, if it's constitutional, does it affect the 18,000 marriages of same-sex couples performed in the 4½ months before it passed?

## NINE LINES

A CATTY TAKE ON THE WEEK'S NEWS

### Good with multiples

**1** "The Bachelor" Jason Mesnick outraged America this week by dumping the woman he proposed to on national TV and pursuing the woman he dumped before that. Asked why, Mesnick explained that his definition of marriage is a union between a man and whomever he happens to be interested in at the moment.

### Ohhhh good

**2** Los Angeles County supervisors declared this week "No cussing week" in L.A., though ultimate success will depend on whether Christian Bale was muzzled or not.

### Play time!

**3** President Obama and wife Michelle gave their daughters a swing set Wednesday. It's set up right next to the Iron Maiden Rahm Emanuel built for his critics.

### Exposed

**4** Nashville is the manliest city in America, a new survey says. Chicago must've admitted to liking The Fray or something.

### Micro machine

**5** This season, "America's Next Top Model" is showcasing shorter models, or, as top fashion industry people call them, "leprechauns."



### Celebrate

**6** Michael Jackson (above) announced his big musical comeback Thursday. Jesus Juice for everybody! GETTY IMAGES

### To be continued

**7** Find all nine lines at [redeyechicago.com/ninelines](http://redeyechicago.com/ninelines).

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## Stars: Get the heck off Brown's bandwagon

He allegedly punched her in the face until blood filled her mouth and choked her with such force that she nearly lost consciousness.

These are just two of the cringe-inducing acts that L.A. police say Chris Brown—former squeaky-clean teen idol—committed against fellow musical artist Rihanna on Feb. 8, according to charges brought against him Thursday.

The two felony charges—assault likely to cause great bodily injury and making criminal threats—could land Brown in the slammer, according to the L.A. Times.

It's a shame to see Brown go from singer-and-dancer to defendant. No doubt his fellow celebs are disappointed to see his image unraveling so fast.

But beyond lamenting what could have been for Brown, stars should stand down. It's disappointing to watch respected artists rain down ridiculous defenses for Brown's alleged actions, beginning with the "we all make mistakes" motif.

"Can't we give Chris a break?" Kanye West asked in remarks later (and wisely) cut from a recent VH1 "Storytellers" studio taping, according to MSNBC. "I know I make mistakes."

Sure you do, Kanye. That mullet you recently rocked is one of them. But surely West would never characterize the act of beating a woman as a mere mistake.

Actor Mekhi Phifer also went out of bounds for Brown, suggesting that youth played a role in his alleged actions.

"I remember being young, 19, and at that age it seemed like everything was so over-the-top, and everyone's so passionate about things at that age," Phifer told E! Online, in a defense more appropriate for a profanity-laden YouTube rant or a sex tape co-starring Paris Hilton, but I digress.

The show-stopper of the Brown bandwagon comes courtesy of rapper David Banner, who pulled the race card to a ridiculous degree.

"Why do we allow young black men to be crucified the way that we do and we do not stand up for each other?" Banner asked an audience at a February hip-hop symposium, Black College Wire reported.

Good question—if you're talking about uneven incidents of police brutality, wrongful imprisonment or racial profiling.

Not so much if you're assessing media scrutiny of a celebrity accused of beating his girlfriend who is a star of similar wattage.

If stars scrambling to Brown's defense have any merit, it's that nobody really knows exactly what went on in that car except Brown and Rihanna. And aside from vague statements from their camps, the rumored-to-be-reconciling couple isn't talking.

Their fellow stars should feel free to do the same.

### TELL US

What do you think of stars coming to Chris Brown's defense? Tell Kyra how you feel at [kkyles@tribune.com](mailto:kkyles@tribune.com), and please include your full name, age and neighborhood in case we publish your comment.



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**Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart**  
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## Sheriff sues Craigslist

He says site is 'largest source of prostitution,' wants ban on 'erotic' section

### Chicago Tribune

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart said Thursday his office has sued Craigslist and has asked a federal judge to ban the Internet company from posting its "erotic services" section, which the sheriff said is a clearing house for prostitution.

Dart also asked the judge to force the online classifieds company to reimburse the sheriff's department for the approximately \$100,000 it has spent pursuing its Craigslist investigation over the past year.

"Craigslist is the single largest source of prostitution in the nation," Dart said.

He added later, "I could make arrests off Craigslist 24 hours a day, but to what end?" By filing the suit, he said, "I'm trying to go up the ladder."

Dart said he had been working with Craigslist representatives for months, sending letters requesting them to take down or provide greater self-policing of their "erotic services" section, but his pleas have been met with no response.

The sheriff said he believes the company has been unresponsive because the "erotic services" section generates a large portion of the company's \$80 million annual revenue.

A 19-year-old woman, who was not identified, appeared at

a news conference with the sheriff and said she was drawn into prostitution after she applied for modeling work through a different section of Craigslist.

"It started out as a photo shoot. That's not enough—they don't want you to do just a photo shoot," she said.

The woman said that undercover Cook County sheriff's police recently met with her at a hotel room in the south suburbs and she was subsequently arrested for prostitution. But she said authorities told her they could tell she had been a victim herself.

"I thank God that the officers picked me up. This is something that will go on for life," she said. The woman said that even after her arrest, her photos still are being posted on the "erotic services" section.

"Even after you get 'clean,'" she said, "they still have your photos and they can post them anywhere."

Craigslist denied Thursday that it knowingly facilitates prostitution.

In an e-mail message to The Associated Press, spokeswoman Susan Best said the company has taken several steps to prevent the illegal use of the site, works willingly with law enforcement and pulls inappropriate ads. **AP CONTRIBUTED.**

### HOW CHICAGO WORKS

## Painting the town

By Leonor Vivanco  
REDEYE

At the end of Todd Wittmayer's day, he reeks of fumes and has to use a rag doused in gasoline to scrub the oil-based paint off his body.

You might see him at work, holding a paintbrush and hanging about six stories up on the Bank of America building near the North Avenue exit of the Kennedy Expressway.

That's where he and about five others are working on a mural of Olympic athletes.

"Everybody knows this wall, has seen this wall. When you drive by, people are like, 'Oh, it looks good.' And I can say I did that," Wittmayer said.

The International Olympic Committee Evaluation Commission will see it riding downtown from O'Hare during an April visit to gauge the prospect of Chicago hosting the 2016 Olympics. Bank of America, which leases the wall space, commissioned the mural.

"It's a great opportunity to further excite the city about the potential of hosting the games in 2016," said Patrick Sandusky, spokesman for Chicago 2016. It's certainly a high-profile spot: The mural created traffic jams in 1996 as thousands, including Wittmayer, rubber-necked to watch painters change the hair color of ex-Bulls bad boy Dennis Rodman.

Wittmayer, 26, now paints the side of the building himself as cars zoom by and honk.

The process of transferring the image from a sheet of paper to the mural begins with the sketch being enlarged by a projector. The pattern is traced onto craft paper and punched full of holes. Wittmayer puts the paper on the wall and hits it with a sock full of black charcoal. He then connects the resulting dots with a marker to get the outline and begins painting.

Working outside is the best part of the job, Wittmayer said, but it comes with aches and pains too. Wittmayer said he tries not to paint above his head to prevent his shoulders and wrist from getting sore.

"You go home at the end of the day and you're tired," he said. **LIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM**

### THE PROFESSIONAL

**Name:** Todd Wittmayer, 26, Tinley Park  
**Job:** Painter and sign hanger  
**Company:** Billboards Inc.  
**What he does:** Puts up signs and billboards at \$20 an hour. Currently paints the Bank of America mural west of the Kennedy Expressway.

# Mush, you dogs!

It's not uncommon during the winter to hear Chicagoans liken the city's weather to the Alaskan outback.

This Saturday, we take a step closer as 100 five-person teams gather to participate in the Chiditarod, an urban equivalent to the great Alaskan race.

Except not. Instead of huskies pulling sleds through snow-packed passes, humans push and pull shopping carts through city streets. Participants decorate their carts like comic parade floats and wear silly costumes. Dirty tricks are encouraged.

"Creative, non-destructive uses of sabotage are tolerated," the guidelines state. "There might even be a prize for the best sabotage."

Somewhere in the festivities is a food drive. Last year, the group says, it collected 2,400 pounds of food. Each participating team is required to donate a minimum of 30 pounds.

The inspiration for the Chiditarod, which began in 2006, came from a similar event in New York, which was inspired by one in San Francisco. There are now urban Iditarods everywhere from Cincinnati to Seattle.

The event will start at 12:30 p.m. at Hubbard Street and Wolcott Avenue, and organizers expect it to end about 3:30 p.m. at the Bottom Lounge in West Town.

Organizer Jake Reimer said his group has had interest in the event from as far away as Alabama. As for popular costumes this year, they're likely to take a political bent, he said. Many participants will be dressed as former Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

But what kind of Alaskan-themed race would it be without that state's highest-profile politician?

"This year we're going to have a lot of ... [Sarah] Palins," Reimer said.

## A morning run



The sun breaks through the clouds over Lake Michigan on Thursday as a runner takes to the Lakeshore Path near Fullerton Drive. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**

## Olympic committee CEO steps down

Jim Scherr has stepped down as the chief executive officer of the U.S. Olympic Committee, a surprising resignation that comes with the federation facing financial difficulties and in the midst of trying to bring the 2016 Olympics to Chicago. Scherr announced his decision Thursday. His last day will be March 31.

## Man held in 2 rapes

A Chicago man was ordered held without bail Thursday on charges he sexually assaulted two women and attempted to rape another at gunpoint during a four-day robbery spree last month. The alleged assaults by Rashad Harris, 20, occurred in West Town and the Near West Side, authorities said. DNA evidence links him to one of the sexual assaults, said Asst. State's Atty. John Dillon.

## Shooting reports made public

The agency that reviews allegations of misconduct by Chicago police officers is posting results of its investigations of police-involved shootings online, the first time the reports have been made publicly accessible. The reports posted to the Independent Police Review Authority's Web site, [www.iprachicago.org](http://www.iprachicago.org), detail the agency's investigation, including accounts from witnesses and the officers involved, but individuals are not named.

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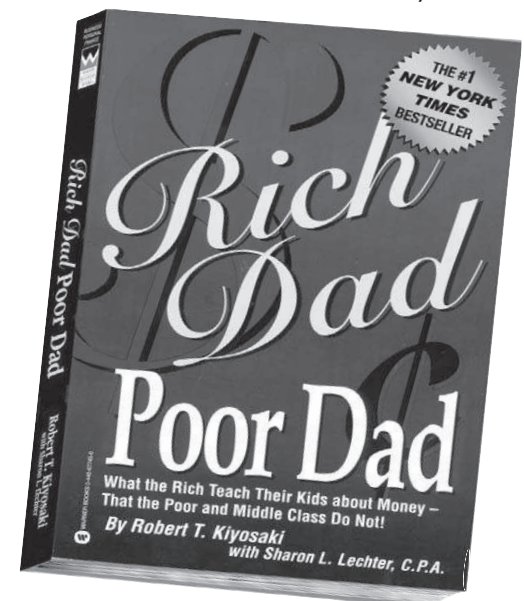
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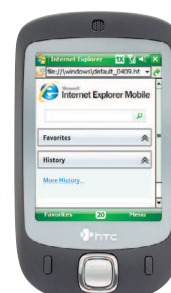
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### Michelle Obama serves lunch

**1** First Lady Michelle Obama helped serve lunch Thursday to some of the mostly homeless people who get free meals at a soup kitchen near the White House. Her visit was designed to highlight the work of soup kitchens as demand for their services has risen during the economic downturn. **AP**

### Barbara Bush in good condition

**2** George H.W. Bush saluted Houston surgeons and thanked his fellow presidents for their calls Thursday after Barbara Bush underwent successful open heart surgery. "I've got to rank it up there as one of the more stressful" experiences in his life, he said.

### Gupta withdraws

**3** CNN medical correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta won't be the next surgeon general, the Obama administration confirmed. An administration official said Gupta took himself out of the running because he wants to focus on his career and spend more time with his family.

### Capitol Hill gaga for Pitt

**4** From the moment Brad Pitt stepped into the Capitol on Thursday, Pitt's star power transformed congressional business-as-usual in a way any lawmaker or new president might envy. "Nice face. Waaaay too skinny," one Senate source e-mailed after catching sight of Pitt between meetings with lawmakers about rebuilding New Orleans.

### Britain will talk to Hezbollah

**5** Britain is re-establishing contact with the militant group Hezbollah following the formation of a unity government in Lebanon, the British government said Thursday. The Foreign Office said it has established contact with the group's political wing but still has no contact with its military wing.



### Attacks continue

**6** An Israeli police officer examines a bullet-riddled bulldozer whose driver carried out an attack Thursday in Jerusalem. A Palestinian driver rammed a large construction vehicle into a bus and police car, wounding two officers before he was shot, the latest in a string of attacks by Palestinian militants using heavy machinery against Israeli targets. **AP**



### WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

**7** Kathleen Nolan, 66, of Jones, Mich., watches as Baby, a fawn that visits the Nolan family twice a day, forages around the breakfast table. The Department of Natural Resources, which normally would not approve of letting a wild animal into a home, supports this relationship because the Nolan family operates an animal rescue shelter on its land. **AP**

## Pork costs cause stink

**8** **DES MOINES** On Capitol Hill, a \$1.7 million earmark for pig odor research in Iowa has become a big, fat joke among Republicans, a Grade A example of pork. But the people who live cheek by jowl with hog farms in the No. 1 pig-producing state aren't laughing. They're gagging.

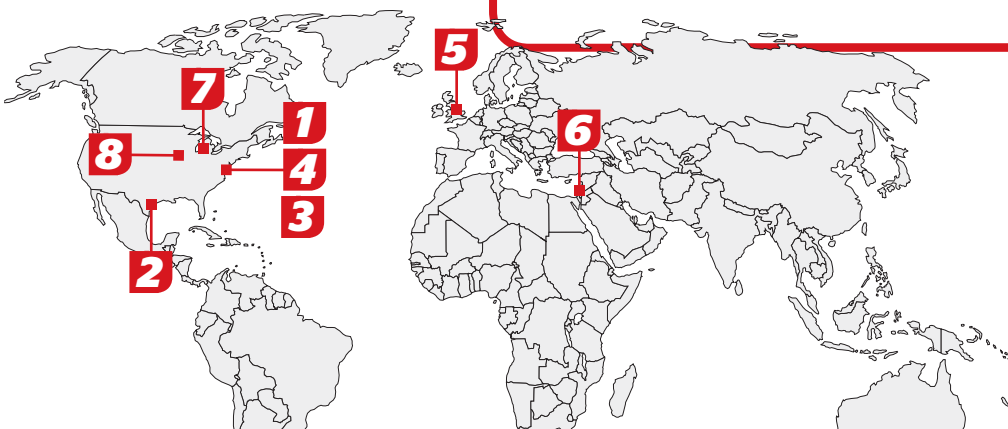
In Iowa, where the 20 million hogs easily outnumber the 3 million people, the rotten-egg-and-ammonia smell of hog waste often wafts into homes, landing like a punch to the chest.

"Once, we couldn't go outside for a week," said Karen Forbes, who lives near a hog feedlot outside Lorimor. "You couldn't breathe. You had to take a deep breath and run for your garage."

The proposal to spend money on how to control pig-farm smells is contained in a \$410 billion spending bill now making its way through Congress. Among other earmarks that have been criticized: tattoo removal for gang members in L.A., termite research in New Orleans and the study of grape genetics in New York.

Despite the ridicule from Sen. John McCain and other Republicans, Iowa and the federal government have been studying how to control hog odors for years. The latest grant continues efforts under way at the U.S. Department of Agriculture labs in Ames, Iowa.

Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) inserted the earmark. "While we will likely hear about it on Jay Leno or the Letterman show, where they will be yukking it up, it's a profoundly serious challenge," he said.



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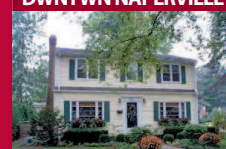


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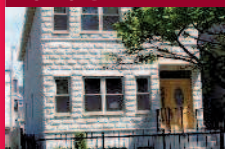


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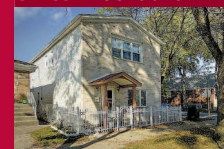


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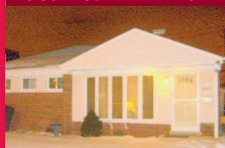


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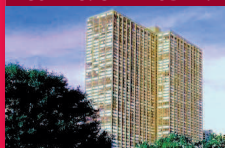


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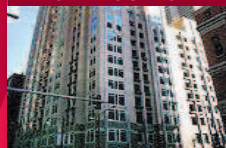


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MLB '09: THE SHOW

## GAME ON

Cubs, Sox players talk about life as video game characters

By Ryan Smith  
FOR REDEYE

When Cubs pitcher Sean Marshall takes the mound, it's personal.

Especially if he's playing as his video game self anonymously online.

As MLB2K9 and MLB '09: The Show hit store shelves this week, RedEye wondered if it's as fun for major-league players to control virtual versions of themselves as it is for fans.

The answer is a resounding yes for Marshall, 26. He told RedEye one of the most exciting moments of his young career had nothing to do with strolling to the mound at historic Wrigley Field. It came when MLB2K7 appeared on video game consoles and he could toss virtual 93-mph fastballs as his cyber self.

"I was excited when I started playing and my face popped up in the game—it's a real cool feeling," Marshall said. "My brothers and I grew up playing the MLB and Madden games, so it was a bit of a dream come true."

The left-hander loves to choose himself as the starting pitcher when he plays anonymously against strangers over the Xbox Live online service.

"I don't tell people who I am because that could be weird. You know, they could start bugging me or sending me a lot

of messages," Marshall said. "I just play normally and try to beat them with myself."

"They have my delivery down pat, and they give me the same five pitches that I use in real life."

The game characters' close resemblance to their real-life counterparts is intentional, said Jonathan Rivera, producer for MLB2K9 publisher 2KSports.

"We're trying to do a lot more with things like signature batting stances or the way a player steps into the batter box or trots the bases after a home run," Rivera said. "We even have [Cubs pitcher Ryan] Dempster shaking his glove back and forth before he pitches."

Not all major-leaguers are as pleased with their game version as Marshall. Some players even feel cyber-dissed.

Sox ace John Danks was looking forward to playing as his virtual self—until he saw his ratings in a previous game.

"I had real complaints about my talent level. It was like a 47 overall or something, and so when I pitched as myself, I got lit up bad," Danks said. "So that was that."

Nearly all baseball video games rank players from 1 to 99 in various categories and then assign them an overall rating.

Rivera said he hears complaints every year from players about their ratings.

Last season, San Francisco outfielder Fred Lewis and Washington pitcher Joel Hanrahan contacted 2KSports

Actual  
Sean Marshall  
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about what they considered inadequate abilities in MLB2K8. Lewis in particular was miffed his speed was rated 85.

"We did adjust his speed for this year," Rivera said. "Not that every time a player complains we're going to make him better. You have to have the stats to back it up."

Or, players could take matters into their own hands, as Cubs pitcher Jeff Samardzija did in his days as a wide receiver for Notre Dame. He manually altered his ratings to 99 out of 100 in every category for the college football version of himself. He then easily rolled through an entire virtual season with this new superhuman Samardzija and rushed for 10,000 yards.

He quit football video games altogether after fumbling three times on a single possession during a game involving a hefty wager.

"I slammed my controller and broke it and quit," Samardzija said. "In real life I would never do that, so doing it in a video game I can't control is so frustrating."

Even though his in-game player rating is a sky-high 87 in MLB2K9 after a breakout '08, Sox slugger Carlos Quentin said he won't suit up as Cyber Carlos.

"It's great if fans want to use me in their game," Quentin said, "but if I played, I definitely would use someone else." **RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



**CUBS VS. SOX**

## Virtual showdown

Considering a simulation on Madden has correctly picked five out of the last six Super Bowl winners, it might be safe to say video games are our new crystal balls. With this in mind, RedEye set up a virtual crosstown matchup between the White Sox and the Cubs at Wrigley Field to see how this year's teams will fare.

### 1ST INNING | WHITE SOX 0, CUBS 0

We hope Ozzie and Lou are taking notes because John Danks and Jeff Samardzija as the starters for the Sox and Cubs is working well.

### 2ND INNING | WHITE SOX 0, CUBS 0

The Cubs make some noise after a one-out single by new Cub Milton Bradley. Unsurprisingly, Kosuke Fukudome grounds out weakly to end the inning.

### 3RD INNING | WHITE SOX 0, CUBS 0

New Sox second baseman Chris Getz misses a blazing Samardzija fastball to strike out. Welcome to the big leagues, rook!

### 4TH INNING | WHITE SOX 0, CUBS 0

Aramis Ramirez sends one into foul territory behind third base, sending fans scrambling for the ball. Cyber Bartman, anyone?

### 5TH INNING | WHITE SOX 0, CUBS 0

The Sox threaten with Jermaine Dye and Alexei Ramirez in scoring position, but Samardzija again K's Getz to end the inning. Lou Piniella nods in approval, shaking his amazingly rendered beer belly.

### 6TH INNING | WHITE SOX 0, CUBS 0

The announcers call Fukudome's fielding "solidly professional." Let's not go overboard, guys.



### 7TH INNING | CUBS 4, WHITE SOX 0

**SOR-I-ANO!** Alfonso hits a grand slam and meets Bradley at the plate for a jumping high-five. Hey, watch the hammy, Fonzie!

### 8TH INNING | CUBS 4, WHITE SOX 0




Paul Konerko strikes out. Ozzie Guillen looks like he wants to attack someone in the dugout.

### 9TH INNING | CUBS 4, WHITE SOX 2

Alfonso giveth, and Alfonso taketh away. A catchable fly ball by Getz sails over Soriano's head. Then, Soriano kicks the ball while trying to get it from the ivy. Getz is awarded a solo home run on a four-base error. Luckily, closer Carlos Marmol saves the day by striking out A.J. Pierzynski. **R.S.**

# Skater girl

Slammah Montana of the Windy City Rollers bumps her way onto the panel. Hopefully Tracy brought her elbow pads.

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<b>1</b> Come up with a chant to welcome back former Bulls coach and now Bucks coach Scott Skiles.	Yes, yes, yes, we do. We suck bad! How 'bout you?	Welcome back, Coach Scott Skiles/The Bulls season is one fat Penske File.	Buck off.	That's not all right, that's not OK, I paid 65 bucks to watch this awful game.	Gimme an S! Gimme a K! Gimme an—ooh let's stop at the Mars Cheese Castle!
<b>2</b> What would help the Bulls close the playoff gap between them and the Bucks?	First, get a magic wand. Then use that magic wand to beat the Bucks senseless.	Fiddle with the Bucks shots, then hunt for larger games.	A better team.	Put graham crackers under the basket.	Close down I-94 and the whole state of Wisconsin ceases to function.
<b>3</b> What's a split squad?	What Elmer Fudd calls his scrod after breaking it in half.	Jimmy's term for cheerleaders. But where does he get off calling them that?	Two times the disappointment from the Cubs.	The process whereby a pickup artist divides his resources (money for booze) among two hot women.	Any team Terrell Owens used to be on.
<b>4</b> How close is Northwestern to making the NCAA Tournament?	So close we'll get to see Leo cry his eyes out when they don't.	Unless the bubble is inflatable, Northwestern won't be making it ... ever.	Closer than Indiana ... if that means anything.	You know when you ask for a girl's number and she pretends not to hear you? That close.	About as close as Darnell Autry got to Hollywood.
<b>5</b> Football is back with the Chicago Slaughter. How happy are you?	Full of joy and slaughter.	Sigh, another Slaughter on a Chicagoland football field. Why bother?	I'd prefer a more veg-friendly name: The Chicago Soybeans.	About as happy as the Cowboys are to get their 218-pound tumor off their salary cap.	Depends. Can Rex Grossman still be offered to them as a sacrifice?

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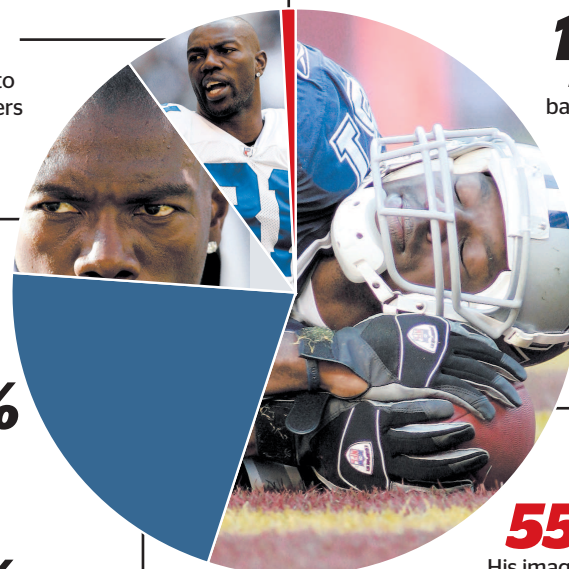
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George McAfee, a college and pro football Hall of Famer who was a star for the Bears and at Duke, died Wednesday night. He was 90.

**Friday's games**

» Illinois-Chicago vs. Cleveland St., 7 p.m.  
» Bradley vs. S. Illinois, 2:35 p.m.  
» Slaughter vs. Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.  
Thursday's RedEye incorrectly listed the date of the Slaughter's season opener. The correct date is above.

**Thursday's results**

» L.A. Dodgers 5, White Sox (ss) 4  
» White Sox (ss) 4, Cubs 3  
» Penn St. 64, Illinois 63

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# Luck of the draw

Party with zombies, leprechauns, divas, pints and pipers this weekend

## PICK OF THE WEEK

### Green machine

Last year, more than 2,000 people showed up for the **Young Irish Fellowship Club's Forever Green** bash (no wonder it's billed as Chicago's largest St. Patrick's Day benefit). This year's 34th annual get-together features headlining act the Larkin and Moran Brothers, plus The Trinity Irish Dancers, the Shannon Rovers pipe band, The Weber Band and The Chancey Brothers. The modest ticket price (\$40-\$65) also includes an open bar. Lucky you. 5 p.m. Friday. Proceeds benefit Maeve McNicholas Memorial Foundation and Action Autism. Navy Pier Grand Ballroom, 600 E. Grand Ave. 312-902-1943. Tickets: [youngirish.com](http://youngirish.com)

**weekend  
best bets**

**By Beth Geraci**  
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## BEST OF THE REST

### Paddy procession

Edison Park offers a small taste of next weekend's massive St. Pat's parades with the **Northwest Side Irish Parade**. Bagpipers, drummers, Irish dancers and bands work the parade route, which steps off at Onahan Elementary School (6334 W. Raven St.) before heading west on Raven Street to Neola Avenue, south to Northwest Highway and west to Harlem Avenue. While you're in the 'hood, stop by new watering hole The Curragh Irish Pub (6705 N. Northwest Hwy.) for live Irish tunes at 2 p.m. and \$5 20-ounce Guinness pints. 11 a.m. Sunday. Free. 773-848-8421.



**Forever Green**  
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## PARTY PICKS

### Fright night

We hear that zombies are plotting a Rogers Park takeover, thanks to **The Flesh Hungry Dog Show**. The monthly queer-friendly rock 'n' roll variety show features a zombie theme with live music by Death Metal performer Loto Ball, punk rock group The Balkaners and all-female rock band Yesterday's Lies. Keyboardist Rich Experience, burlesque dancer Ms. Bea Haven and DJ Sky work the graveyard shift too. Dress like a zombie for a shot at a \$50 Pleasure Chest gift card. 9 p.m. Friday. \$8. Jackhammer, 6406 N. Clark St. 773-743-5772.

### Everybody's Irish

We love the fact that the entire month of March gives way to St. Pat's-inspired festivities. Case in point: **Paddy Long's Irish Music and Beer Fest**, featuring live music by the Gareth Woods Band and late DJ sets by O'Darell (10 p.m.). Drink specials include \$4 Michael Collins Irish Whiskey shots and \$4.50 Beamish pints. 4:30 p.m. Saturday. No cover. 1028 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-290-6988.

### Diva delicious

Like a little sauce with your scramble? The Spot's weekly **Diva Brunch** delivers. Hosted by performance duo Scooty and JoJo (Scott Bradley and Jonny Stax), the new take on dinner theater features cabaret, musical and drag performers during a prix-fixe brunch that includes an entree, cocktails, tea and coffee. Sunday's debut features comedian Lesley Lee, drag queen Vallery Dolls and musical numbers by the cast of "Kama Sutra The Musical: Vegas Bound ... and Gagged." Seatings at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday. \$35. 4437 N. Broadway. 773-728-8934.

### A real circus



There's a new dance party in town, and it's named, simply, **The Party**. The new endeavor boasts a circus theme for its debut at The Griffin Lounge (you might know it as Climax) and offers free face painting, balloons and cotton candy. Take your picture with a pony at the door (um, hello PETA?), groove to DJs and sing karaoke while waiting in line for the restroom. 9 p.m. Friday. No cover. 326 W. Chicago Ave. 312-280-9800. R.S.V.P. required: [vip@maxwellandcarter.com](mailto:vip@maxwellandcarter.com)

### What's cookin'?

Maybe it's wishful thinking, but chili season is almost over, so get it while it's still hot at **Sidetrack's 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off**. Sample meat, vegetarian and seafood varieties from more than 15 local restaurants—including Chicago Diner, Hamburger Mary's and Lawry's The Prime Rib—as they compete for your votes and \$1,000. Includes one drink and \$5 raffle tickets for a shot at Bulls tickets. 2 p.m. Saturday. \$10. Proceeds benefit The Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. 3349 N. Halsted St. 773-303-0167.



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### RANALLI'S ON CLARK

\$2 off martinis, \$2 off BBQ entrees and rib sandwiches; 2301 N. Clark St. 773-244-2300.



### BERLIN

\$1 off p.i.n.k. vodka drinks, DJ Greg Haus spins progressive and alternative. \$5 after 11 p.m.; 954 W. Belmont Ave. 773-348-4975.

### ROSCOE'S TAVERN

\$3 off martinis and manhattans, \$6 Bacardi bombs, \$14 Absolut pink lemonade pitchers; 3356 N. Halsted St. 773-281-3355.

## Friday deals

### BELLY'S BAR & GRILL

\$3 Heineken bottles, \$5 3 Olive cocktails, \$5 chicken sandwiches with tots; 3210 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-3632.

### CELTIC CROWN

Free wings with beverage purchase (3-6 p.m.), bingo (5-9 p.m.), \$3.50 Blue Moon drafts; 4301 N. Western Ave. 773-588-1110.

### CORRIGAN'S

\$10 buckets of domestic beer bottles; 3047 W. 111th St. 773-298-1315.

### CRIMSON LOUNGE

DJ Jumpin' James spins 9:30 p.m. No cover; 333 N. Dearborn St. Hotel Sax. 312-923-2453.

### CUATRO

DJ Jesse de la Pena spins 10 p.m.; 2030 S. Wabash Ave. 312-842-8856.

### F. O'MAHONY'S

\$4 Bacardi cocktails and Sam Adams drafts; 3701 N. Broadway. 773-549-0226.

### FIVE STAR BAR

Power, Corruption and Lies. DJ Brad Owen spins Brit pop, punk and indie 9 p.m. No cover; 1424 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2555.

### GARRETT RIPLEY'S

Complimentary snacks 5-7 p.m.; 712 N. Clark St. 312-642-2900.

### HIDEOUT

6:30 p.m.: The Interview Show. RedEye columnist Mark Bazer hosts a talk show where guests share their talents and world views. Guests include musicians, authors, comedians, activists, chefs, executives and others. \$5; 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

### INNJOY

\$6 Jager bombs and Kilo Kai cocktails, \$9.95 all-you-can-eat fish fry (5-10 p.m.), DJ Scratch-n-Sniff spins 10 p.m.; 2051 W. Division St. 773-394-2066.

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\$3.50 Sam Adams drafts, \$4 Milagro tequila shots, \$5 Bacardi cocktails, free buffet (5-7 p.m.); 950 W. Armitage Ave. 773-348-0010.

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### THE MOTEL BAR

\$5 Absolut cocktails, \$8 blackened tilapia sandwiches, DJ Scott Lucas of Local H spins 10 p.m.-2 a.m.; 600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-2900.

### MYSTIC CELT

\$4 Amstel Light bottles, \$8.95 fish and chips; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550.

### NACIONAL 27

9:30 p.m.: Sample the Suba. Sample mixologist Adam Seger's Suba cocktail and take home a recipe card. No cover; 325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727.

### THE NEW DATING GAME

After-work stepper's set 5-9 p.m., \$5 green apple martinis and cosmopolitans. \$10; 8924 S. Stony Island Ave. 773-374-8883.

### OLE LOUNGE

\$5 caipirinhas, half-price select tapas (5-7 p.m.); live Brazilian music by Bossa Tres 10 p.m.; 2812 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-388-3500.

### POAG MAHONE'S

\$3 Miller Lite drafts, \$4.50 Steinlager drafts; 333 S. Wells St. 312-566-9100.

### THE PONY

\$3 Sierra Nevada pints, \$5 homemade gumbo bowls; 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.

### REGGIE'S

Half-price bottles of wine, \$5 Stoli and Beefeater martinis; 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

### SANGRIA

Two-for-one tapas at the bar 5-7 p.m.; 901 W. Weed St. 312-266-1200.

### THEORY

\$3.50 Miller Lite steins, \$6 Effen Black Cherry cocktails; 9 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0004.

### VICTORY LIQUORS

\$3 Kilo Kai cocktails, \$5 40-ounce King Cobra bottles, \$5 O bombs, DJs spin '90s hip-hop 10 p.m.; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600.

### WABASH TAP

\$3 PBR drafts, \$5.50 BLTs; 1233 S. Wabash Ave. 312-360-9488.

### Y

DJs Billy the Kid and Jernell Geronimo spins house, hip-hop and disco 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$20. Discounts with RSVP: [globaladrenaline.net](http://globaladrenaline.net); 224 W. Ontario St. 312-274-1880.

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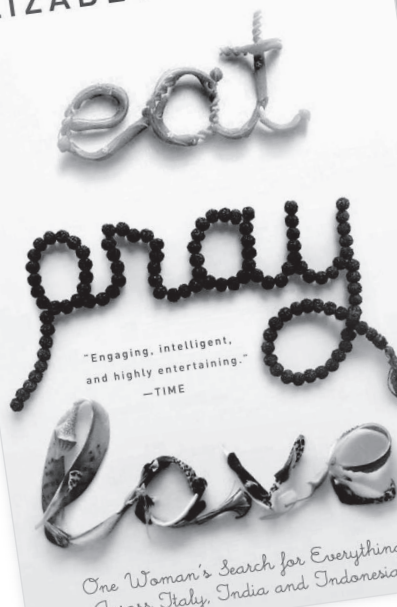
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Southern rockers crank up tunes from new, "The Century of Self." With Funeral Party, Midnight Masses. 8 p.m. Fri. \$15. Logan Square Auditorium, 2539 N. Kedzie Ave. 773-728-6000.



**Dan Auerbach**

**MY COLD DEAD HAND, COLDCOCK JONES AND THE S\*\*\*HAWKS, THE MAG 7, REDNECK EXORCIST**  
8 p.m. \$7-\$10. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

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10 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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**WORLD WIDE RIOT, HOLLUS, DIRTY ROOKS, A BULLET CALLED LIFE**  
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**Saturday**

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9 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

**BRIGHT LIKE JAPAN, JANELLE KROLL**  
6 p.m. \$5-\$8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. [housecallent.com](http://housecallent.com)

**THE DEL MOROCCOS**  
9 p.m. \$15-\$20. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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**DAVE BARNES**, 8 p.m. \$16. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. [housecallent.com](http://housecallent.com)

**DUNCAN SHEIK**, 8 p.m. \$30-\$35. The Morse Theatre, 1328 Morse Ave. 773-654-5100.

**KID, BLOODRUNNER, SCALDING HOT ACID, ALHENA**, 7:30 p.m. \$15. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

**FLEETWOOD MAC**, 8 p.m. \$49.50-\$149.50. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. 312-559-1212.

**GREAT BIG SEA, SCYTHIAN**, 7:30 p.m. \$23-\$25.50. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

**GIRL PARTS**, 9 p.m. Tips/donations. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

**HAEGERS BEND**, 10:30 p.m. \$8. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. [housecallent.com](http://housecallent.com)

**DAVE GONZALEZ, MIKE BARFIELD**, 9 p.m. \$10. FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

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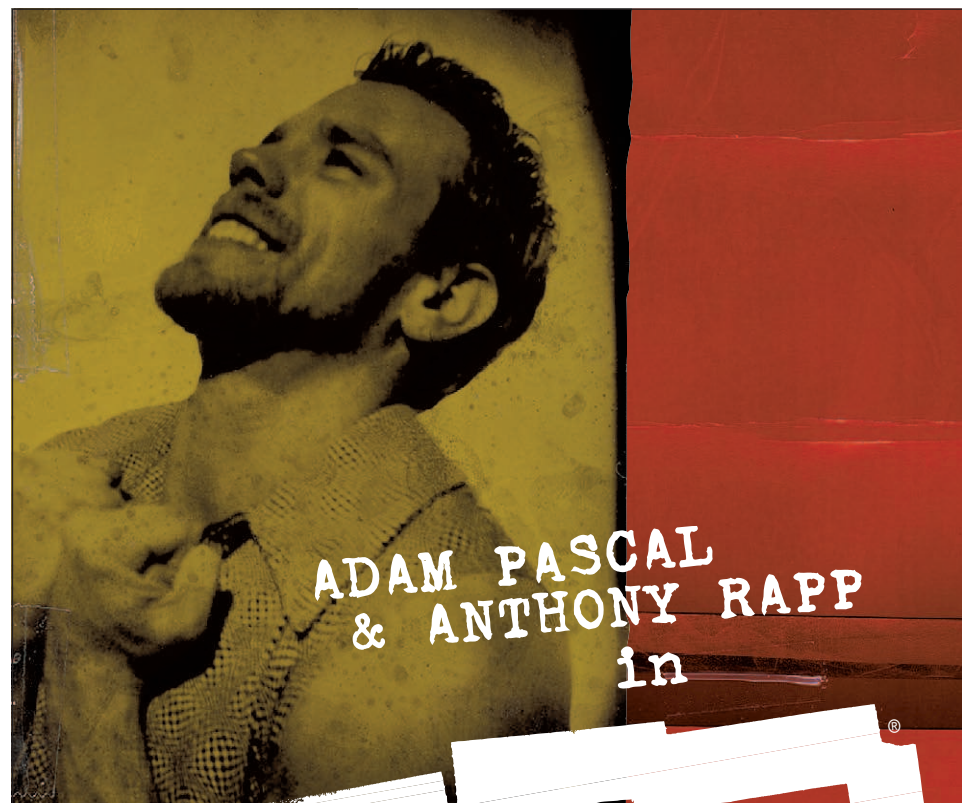
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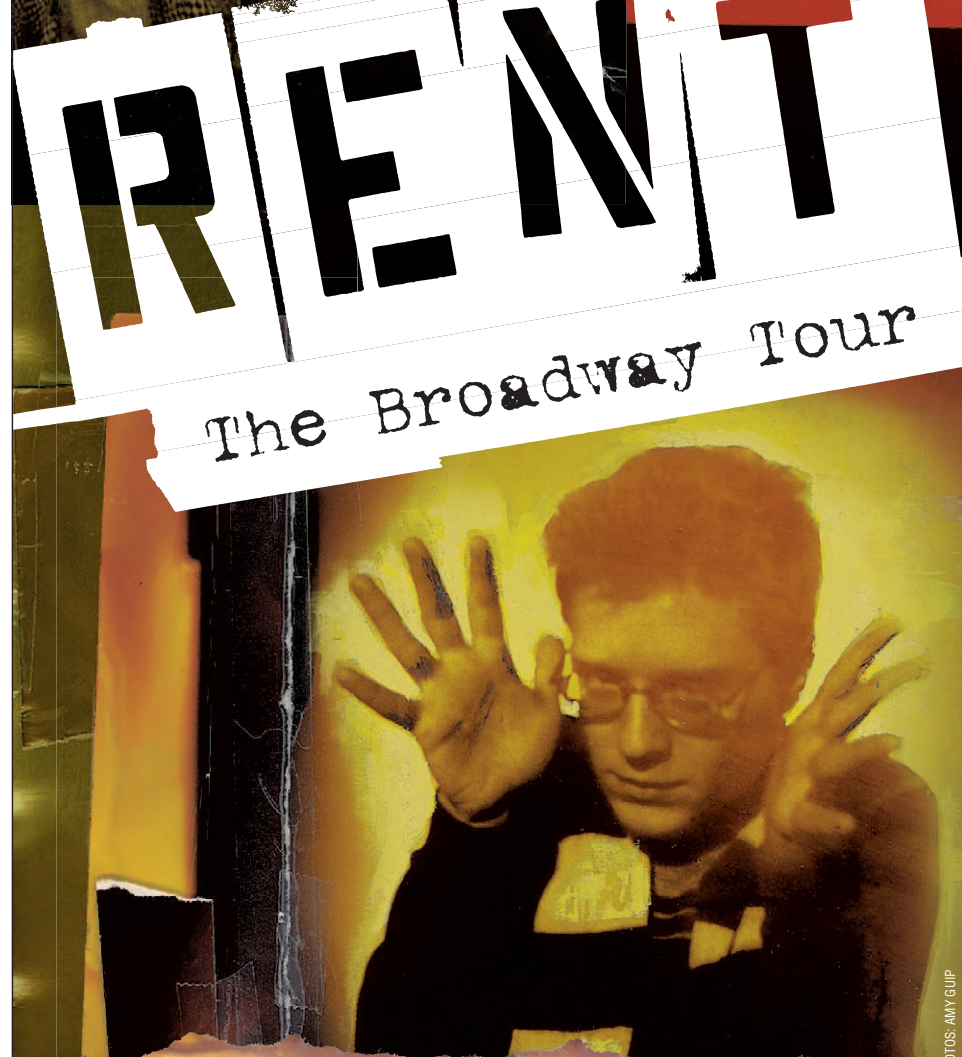
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## Chicago Tribune

Over the past eight years, the term “freedom” has taken on a slightly negative connotation in some circles. Few people are more aware of this than Bible of the Devil singer/guitarist Mark Hoffmann.

The title of the local quartet’s latest, “Freedom Metal,” has spawned countless questions about how the band defines freedom in light of the political climate during the Bush administration. (“Particularly from the foreign press,” Hoffmann said.)

“We’ve had to make it very clear we didn’t like [George W.] Bush or the Bush years,” he said. “We talk about freedom in a more Hobbesian, pre-America sense. Freedom is not having to do what you don’t have the will to do.”

Freedom also means that the crew, which formed nearly a decade ago, doesn’t have to adhere to any preset musical boundaries.

“Metal bands make these orthodox declarations like, ‘We are traditional doom metal, and we will never play anything but doom metal,’” Hoffmann said. “But what if you want to write a fast track? Or a short one? Can you not use it? So we decided to create our own genre: freedom metal.”

As such, the band’s latest swings from the

thundering stampede of “Greek Fire” to the soaring, six-string pyrotechnics of “The Turning Stone”—a “Guitar Hero” track waiting to happen. Then there’s “Ol’ Girl,” a Thin Lizzy homage that sounds uncannily like a long-lost B-side from Phil Lynott and Co.

Hoffmann’s admiration for Thin Lizzy runs deep. During a 2003 trek to Ireland, the front man even visited Lynott’s grave at St. Fintan’s cemetery in Sutton—a small

town north of Dublin—with a special companion in tow: Lynott’s mother, Philomena.

The surprise meeting came to fruition after Hoffmann spoke with a record clerk in Dublin and learned that Philomena enjoyed speaking with her son’s fans. The two joined up for an afternoon, visiting Lynott’s final resting place and discussing his life and music—including Philomena’s struggles as a white woman raising a black child in Ireland.

“It was,” Hoffmann said, “surreal.”

But is a Thin Lizzy nod as far as these Chicago noisemakers plan on stretching their sound? What about a thrash-metal cut? Or a grunge anthem? Or, heaven forbid, a power ballad?

“We keep threatening that,” Hoffmann said, laughing. “I guess we’ll see on the next record.”

## Bible of the Devil

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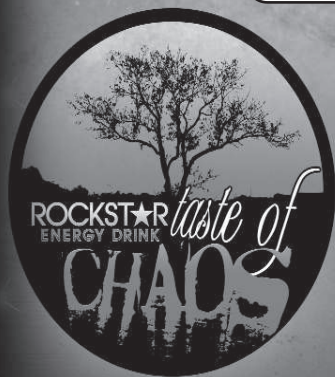
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**Chicago Tribune**

## Latest graphic novel adaptation comes with plenty of cheers, jeers

### From news services

Suddenly, Batman looks like Gumby.

Mammoth, mangled, violent, confusing, dazzling, dark, excessive and occasionally brilliant, “Watchmen” goes on for so long and throws so much on the screen that it offers plenty of opportunity for both love and hate.

Even the people involved in “300” director Zack Snyder’s adaptation of the highly praised, 12-part graphic novel from the 1980s, seem uncertain whether they have delivered a game-changing epic or a sordid spandex opera about a group of outlawed superheroes.

“I just can’t wait to see what people think of it, and I have no idea how it will be received,” said Jeffrey Dean Morgan, who portrays the Comedian, a masked brute who murders for his government masters. “I will tell you this: It’s not a movie people have seen before. It’s truly ambitious, and it’s great to be part of that no matter what happens.”

“The unfilmable film” is how Snyder wearily refers to “Watchmen,” which will try to pull in a mass audience of nonbelievers with a nearly three-hour running time, no big-name stars, an R-rating and a hard-to-explain plot.

The action takes place in an alternate version of Earth where Richard M. Nixon is in his fifth presidential term, but the planet’s most powerful man is Dr. Manhattan, a glowing superhero who spends much of his screen time showing off his iridescent blue penis.

“Every day I think, ‘I can’t believe I get to make this come alive,’” Snyder said while

### MORE WATCHMEN

Patrick Wilson is no night owl.  
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Who’s buying the Watchmen.  
**PAGE 35**

# WILL YOU WATCH?

filming his \$100 million movie that clings tightly to author Alan Moore’s original story.

That story is a loaded. The action takes place in 1985, with the world poised on the verge of nuclear war. “Watchmen” charts the reactions of five supposedly retired heroes — Nite Owl II (Patrick Wilson), Silk Spectre II (Malin Akerman), Rorschach (Jackie Earle

Haley) and Ozymandias (Matthew Goode)—when the Comedian is murdered. The fifth hero, Dr. Manhattan (Billy Crudup), is the only one with true powers. He can manipulate all time and matter.

Told in complicated flashbacks, the movie builds up to both acute psychoanalysis of the costumed vigilante personality and a harrow-

ing philosophical debate over what separates a hero from a megalomaniac. Snyder is unapologetic about the movie’s heavy themes.

“You either like that or you don’t, and that is what it is,” he said. “But without that, you might as well make ‘X-Men’ or ‘Fantastic Four’ or something plot-driven like that.”

That should make the comic’s cultish fans

## PAGE TO SCREEN

While filming “Watchmen,” director Zack Snyder spent more time with the graphic novel from which it is adapted than he did the film’s script.

“I’ve been on the sets of a few movies that were based off of books,” said Jackie Earle Haley, who plays the ruthless avenger Rorschach. “Every now and then the book would come out—a month would go by and someone would

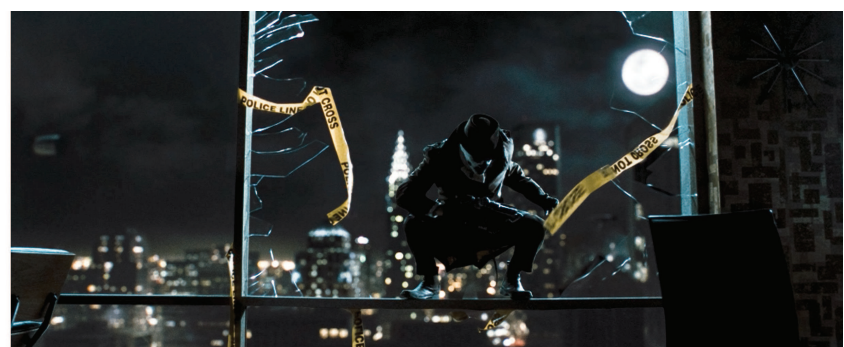
check a reference or something. On ‘Watchmen,’ you’d look over at Zack and he’d have the book in his hands way more than the script. Every now and then the script would come out!”

Despite some omissions, Snyder stayed faithful to the source, even staging some scenes to resemble artist Dave Gibbons’ original comic-book panels. Here are three.

L.A. DAILY NEWS, REDEYE



Rorschach investigates the scene where the Comedian was killed.





## HEAVIER THINGS

"Watchmen" tackles some mature themes—tackles practically all of them, actually. Reviewers note the movie is "extremely adult." How adult? Consider this checklist.

**Male nudity:** Dr. Manhattan and Nite Owl II spend significant screen time in the buff.

**Sex:** Silk Spectre II (right) gets it on twice—and never takes off her butt-high boots.

**Explicit violence:** Rorschach's visit to prison includes another inmate's visit with a bone saw.

**Bone breakage:** All the Watchmen seem to possess this skill.

**Rape:** The gruff Comedian shows off his despicable side in one of the movie's flashbacks.

**Nuclear annihilation:** The threat of mass destruction hangs over the film like a heavy blanket. **REDEYE**



Silk Spectre II and Nite Owl II see sparks fly in "Watchmen." **WARNER BROS. PICTURES.**

happy, but what about the average superhero movie fan?

"My hope is that this raises the bar a little bit intellectually for superhero movies," Snyder said. "They can't just make the assumption that the audience is going to buy it after 'Watchmen.' It'll be harder on Fantastic Four than on Batman, I think. But

that's good for the genre."

Whether it's good for this film's box office potential has yet to be seen. Still, some box prognosticators think it will surpass the opening weekend of Snyder's hit "300." Others say it will need to generate better moviegoer recommendations than it has been getting from critics. Haley, whose unrelenting Rorschach is

ultimately the movie's conscience, says people will talk about the film "for a long time."

"This is a comic book that changed things when it came out," Haley said, "and I think this movie will be something that people will think about after they walk out of the theater."

**L.A. TIMES, DETROIT NEWS, L.A. DAILY NEWS, REDEYE CONTRIBUTED.**



Dan Dreier sits in the lair of his alter ego, Nite Owl II.



The Antarctic retreat of Adrian Veidt, a.k.a. Ozymandias.

## FACEOFF

# BATTLE OF THE BLUE MEN

Smurfs. Blueberries. The DePaul Blue Demon. All have blue skin, but none has the galaxy-altering power of "Watchmen's" Dr. Manhattan. Still, the uneducated consumer out there might be tempted to confuse Manhattan's coloration with the galaxy's biggest marshmallow-altering force: Blue Man Group. How does Manhattan stack up against BMG? Time for a Faceoff!

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## CLOTHING

### BLUE MAN:

☒ Tasteful black long-sleeved shirts with matching slacks.

### MANHATTAN:

☐ He's mostly naked. Prepare to meet Manhattan Junior.

## COMMUNICATION SKILLS

### BLUE MAN:

☐ Mute, but somehow still very expressive.

### MANHATTAN:

☒ Much of his dialogue drives at the notion that humans are insignificant. What a badass.

## SPECIAL POWERS

### BLUE MAN:

☐ Making music and art fun, and, moreover, an experience.

### MANHATTAN:

☒ You know the "liquefy" setting on a blender? He can do that. To people. With his mind.

## OVERALL WINNER:

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**"Watchmen" star Patrick Wilson calls his character Dan (inset) "Batman-esque."**

## FAST-PAISED REVIEW

### Watchmen (R)

■■■■ "Watchmen" is all spectacle and mostly a bore, too clunky to be interesting and too brutal to be fun."

>> Read Matt's full review at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com) and in Saturday's RedEye.

# Suit up

**'Watchmen' star Wilson on the ups and downs of life as a superhero**

## By Matt Pais

"Watchmen" star Patrick Wilson was hanging at San Diego's annual Comic Con in July 2008 when a fan—decked out in a costume from the beloved DC Comics graphic novel—spotted him.

"Oh, my God," the fan said. "Next year, you are not going to be able to stand here."

Yes, the anticipation for director Zack Snyder's big-screen version of "Watchmen"—the psychologically complex tale of self-made, masked superheroes who come out of retirement to find out who's hunting them and why—had been bubbling over for months.

In the film, Wilson plays Dan, a buttoned-up gadget guy who no longer feels like a man until he dons the sleek superhero suit that turns him into crime-fighter Nite

Owl II. Dan's got a crush on Laurie, a.k.a. Silk Spectre II (Malin Akerman). Unfortunately for Dan, Laurie's with Dr. Manhattan (Billy Crudup), a blue, mutated physicist who doesn't wear many clothes. Matthew Goode, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Jackie Earle Haley also star as ordinary people with extraordinary alter egos.

From L.A., Wilson talked about the everyday lives of superheroes and what it's like to compete with an enormous blue mutant for a woman's affections.

**Before Dan, the last guy Laurie is with is Dr. Manhattan, who can enlarge parts of his body at will. How intimidating is that for Dan?**

[Laughs] Well, I mean, Dan's got his own problems. I feel like once he understands his role to [Laurie], which is sort of the emotional support that she does not get from Doc ... certainly once he figures that out I think he feels a little confident. But he's got his own issues of not feeling manly enough, whether Manhattan is around or not.

**That still can't be helpful, knowing his competition is a giant, confident naked blue man.**

Whether [Dr. Manhattan] was around or not, I don't

think [Dan] would feel very virile. Luckily it works out for him.

**When you see members of the Blue Man Group now, do you feel threatened?**

Are you kidding, man? I get the girl. Come on, they don't scare me.

**Dan looks like an accountant in his normal life yet still dominates when it's fighting time. How does he do that?**

[When] you create a superhero or your costumed avenger, you sort of create to your strengths. He obviously had a lot of power-based fighting ability. He's a big guy so he knew that his punches carried a lot of weight. So I think you master that. He actually says in the comic [that] he grew up and was fascinated by birds and by flying, so having that obsession with the amount of money he had gotten he was able to make his own gadgets. So it's Batman-esque. He doesn't need the superpower.

**Why are people so fascinated with the real lives of superheroes?**

Because if you think about it in the most basic sense, it's an ordinary man doing extraordinary things. A heroic nature is very Greek. What lengths will you go to, to be the best you can be? What is that? What is your perception of a hero? Look at a firefighter putting on a suit and storming into a building and saving a child. That's pretty heroic, right out of a graphic novel. Change the costume and that's a superhero. There's just a natural instinct to want to be great, I think.

**How much of a night owl are you in real life?**

I have a 2½-year-old, so I'm not a night owl at all. I'm an early morning owl. The days of being night owls are over.

**In the film, Laurie says she's used to going out at 3 a.m. and doing something stupid, and everyone can probably relate. What goes through your mind when you hear that?**

[Laughs] Oh, now. I've lived in New York for 15 years. I think of many years post-college of being very stupid at 3 in the morning. But I'll never tell.

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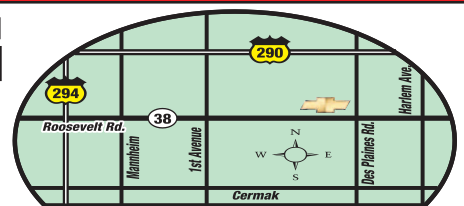
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# Super shopping

Rorschach is not the kind of guy you want to piss off. The relentless vigilante of "Watchmen" has a knack for torture—and he doesn't like sell-outs. Which makes you wonder what kind of punishment he'd inflict on the Warner Bros. execs who signed off on the hilarious parade of tie-ins for the film, which opens Friday. We size up the best and worst. **WEB BEHRENS IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



## Who watches the Watchmen flask

\$25 at wbsshop.com  
You might need to smuggle some hooch into the theater to help you stomach the amped-up violence. But don't drink too much—the movie's almost three hours long.

## Watchmen: Portraits

\$50 at amazon.com  
This 240-page coffee-table tome showcases striking black-and-white portraits taken by photographer Clay Enos on the "Watchmen" set. You get a few shots of the featured players—a pre-CGI'd Billy Crudup and Jackie Earl Haley, in and out of his ink-blot mask—but the book focuses, intriguingly, on the extras and the technicians.

## Absolute Watchmen

\$74.99 at amazon.com  
Unless you want the no-frills paperback, skip the \$40 hardcover and splurge on this oversized baby. The art, digitally recolored by original comic book color artist John Higgins, looks great blown up. Bonus: 48 pages of sweet background material.



## Rorschach ski mask

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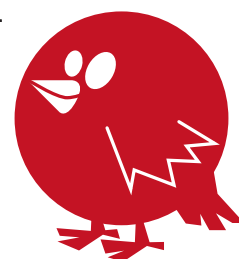
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Set photographer Enos, who's spent part of his career documenting coffee farmers, convinced Warner Bros to sign off on an organic, fair-trade "Watchmen" coffee (Peruvian whole bean). The majority of the profits will go back to the farmers, so indulging your inner fanboy never tasted so good.

## Watchmen: The Complete Motion Comic

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For the purists who'll hate the film, this bizarre DVD blends audiobook with janky animation into a new-media hybrid: Dave Gibbons' original art comes to life while a voice actor reads Alan Moore's original text. Be warned: It'll consume 5½ hours of your life.



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### THE WRESTLER

**@rgreasons** The Wrestler was good, but Afronsky's ending really pushed the luck of what he can get away with.

### SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

**@jktv** I saw Slum Dog this weekend only two words to say ... Jai Ho! LOVE IT!  
**@paigeworthy** Two thoughts after Slumdog: 1) My life is NOT hard, and 2) Love is worth waiting for

### HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU

**@rmiran2** I saw "He's Just not that into You" yesterday. It was nothing like i expected. It was cute, well done, and i liked the ending  
**@sarah1935** he's just not that into you—funny, very true to life a la the breakup. Ending undermines what movie set out to prove.

### TAKEN

**@RoxieRavenclaw** Just saw "Taken" with Dad. One word: meh.  
**@heather\_ash17** finally saw taken! was very impressed. haven't seen that good of a movie in a looong time!! five stars.

### CORALINE

**@sam\_ash** Coraline in 3-D was definitely a trippy experience. It was really magical though. Creepier than I imagined, but still a fantastic flick.

### TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL

**@GoodyGoody** madea goes to jail. typical tyler perry formula but moments of stomach burning laughter like the wwjd bracelet bit.  
**@coutlay** Madea Goes 2 Jail starts good but gets progressively worse til by the end ur mad  
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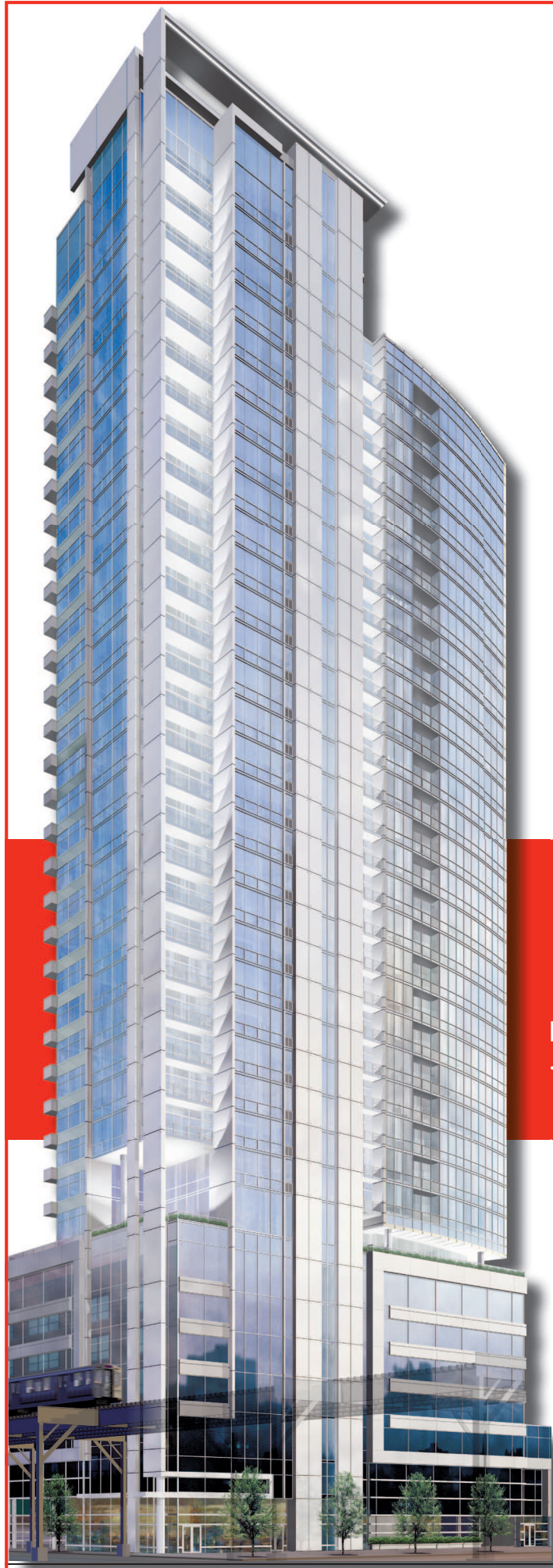
8 p.m. Saturday, BBC America  
You don't have to love the '80s to get into this sequel to the British hit "Life on Mars," but it sure helps. Fuzzy perms, leggy warmers and Adam Ant—you'll find them all when modern-day police profiler Alex Drake (Keeley Hawes) is transported back to 1981, where sexist-but-lovable boss Gene Hunt (Philip Glenister) still is running the cop shop.

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## Should she keep the ring if dumped?

### THE SETUP

Commenting on "The Bachelor" fallout, a relationship expert on Thursday told E! News that Melissa Rycroft should not have handed that diamond engagement ring back to bachelor Jason Mesnick when he broke up with her on national TV.



### Hit him where it hurts

Having never bought an engagement ring, I can't sympathize with the financial burden of dumping thousands of dollars into a mineral. Still, there are better things to do than extract vengeance with some empty purchase of mass consumption. The best move would be to sell the ring and donate the proceeds to charity. It's win, win, win: The world becomes a slightly better place, you've done a massive good deed and your idiot fiance loses an obscene amount of money. Also, tell him the sex was pitiful.

STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



### Don't be tacky

What Jason Mesnick did makes him a pretty severe jerk. But that doesn't mean he shouldn't get back the ring he gave Melissa Rycroft. Someone even said she should have kept the ring and cashed it out on a vacation. Give me a break. Isn't an engagement ring a symbol of the promise two people are making to each other? Why would you want to keep a memento of a commitment that isn't there? Out of spite? That's just tacky.

JIM WALSH IS REDEYE'S WEEKEND EDITOR.



### Hell yeah, if she has reason

In the case of "The Bachelor," I think a) the network bought the ring, and b) he was total idiot, so Melissa should have kept it as some sort of restitution for her public humiliation. For "real" couples, it depends. If she changes her mind and calls off the wedding, she should return the ring. But, if during the engagement, she finds out that he was cheating—or something equally scandalous—no one would blame her if she cashed in the rock or exchanged the diamond for another, more useful bauble.

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### POLL Online contingent

RedEye asked its followers on Twitter and Facebook to vote in our poll, in which we asked: **Should Melissa have handed the diamond ring back to Jason when he broke up with her?**

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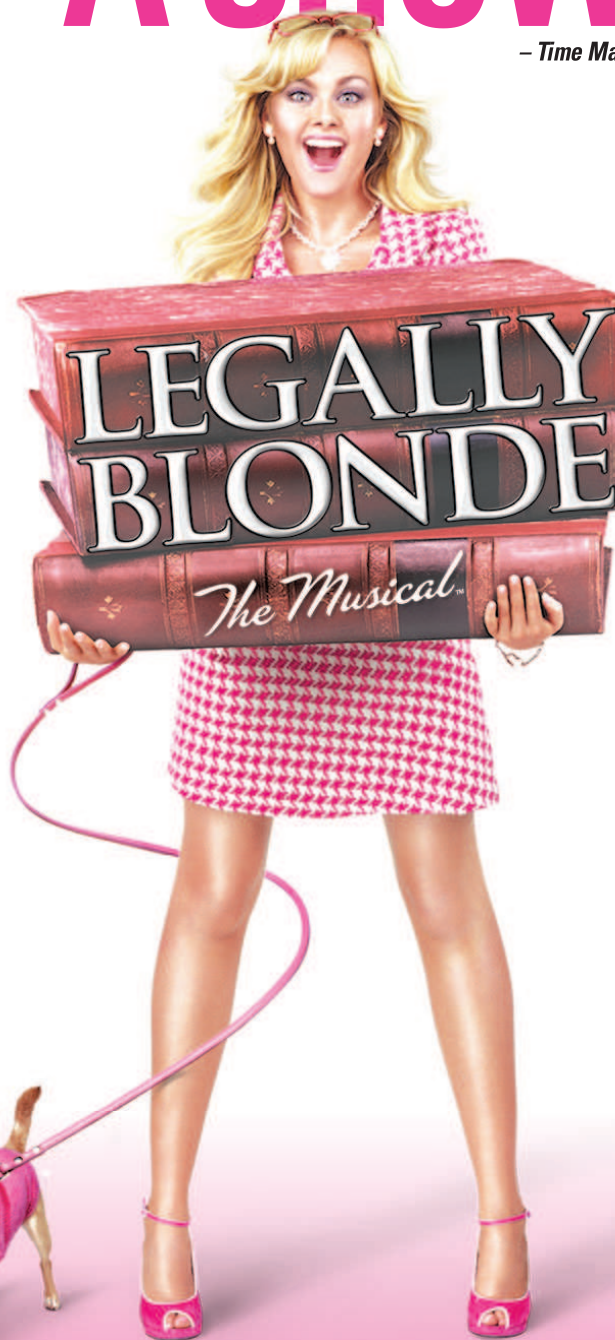


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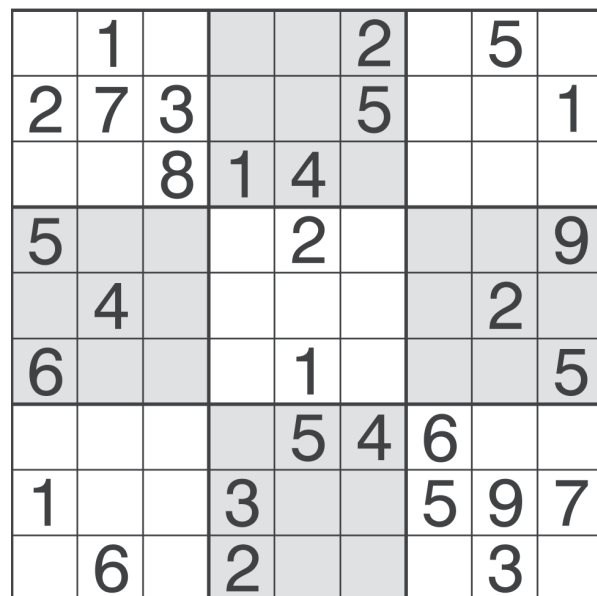


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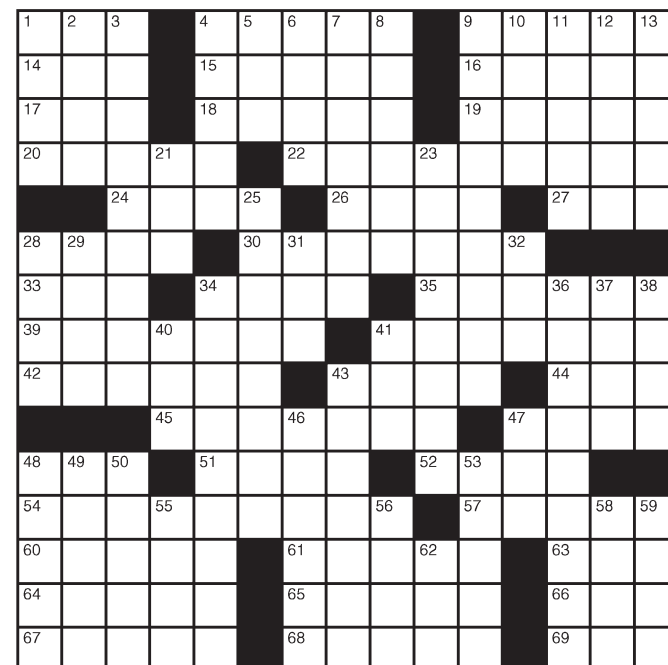
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# CHRIS BROWN CHARGED

## R&B singer faces 2 felonies; arraignment postponed until April

### Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** Chris Brown has been charged with two felonies stemming from what a police detective describes as a brutal argument between the singer and his girlfriend, Rihanna, provoked by her discovery of a text message from another woman.

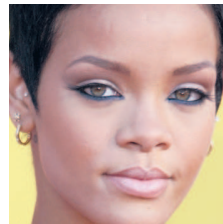
Brown appeared in court Thursday afternoon and postponed until next month his arraignment on charges of assault likely to cause great bodily injury and making criminal threats. The 19-year-old R&B singer remains free on \$50,000 bail.

A court commissioner ordered him not to harass, threaten or harm anyone. At the request of an attorney representing Rihanna, the commissioner did not order Brown to stay away from Rihanna.

Brown, wearing a three-piece gray pinstripe suit with gray tie and cream shirt, clasped his hands behind his back as he walked into the courtroom. He answered a few questions from the commissioner as his mother watched from the front row along with a group of family members.

The courtroom was filled with onlookers and media for Brown's brief appearance. He and his attorney did not speak to reporters after the hearing.

The felony complaint handed down in court Thursday morning identifies Brown's alleged victim only as "Robyn F." Rihanna's real name is Robyn Rihanna Fenty. The "Disturbia" singer's attorney, Donald Etra,



### Graphic details emerge

According to a detective's affidavit, Chris Brown and Rihanna got into a fight early

Feb. 8 after the "Umbrella" singer checked her boyfriend's cell phone and found a text message from another woman.

Brown pulled his car over and tried to push Rihanna out, but she still was wearing her seatbelt, L.A. police Detective De Shon Andrews wrote. He said Brown pushed Rihanna's head against the window, punched her with his right hand, and then continued driving while hitting her, the affidavit states. He also bit his girlfriend on the ear, the affidavit states.

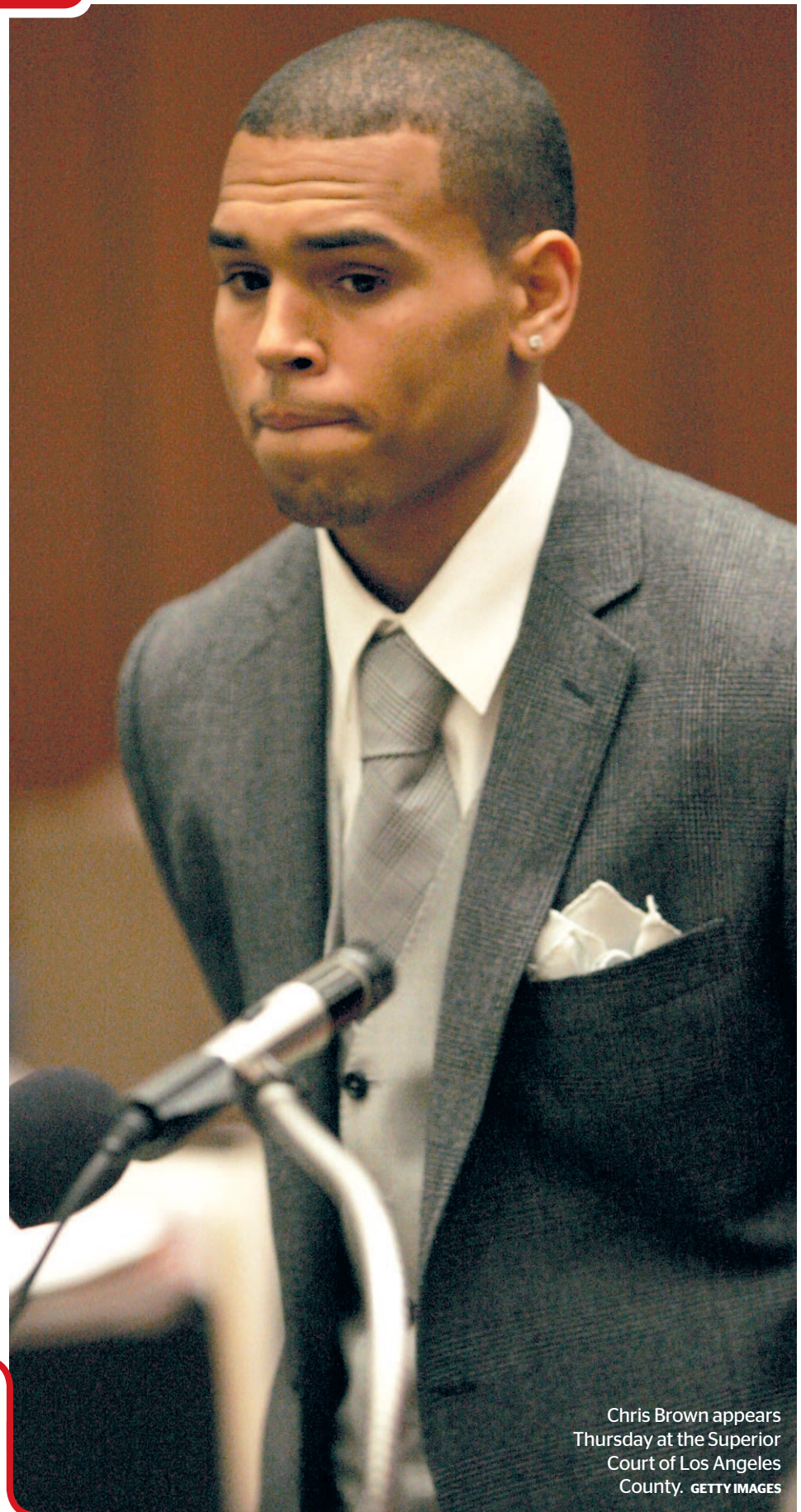
The affidavit was filed as part of a search warrant request for the phone records of Brown, Rihanna and her assistant.

Brown allegedly threatened to kill Rihanna after she pretended to leave a phone message with her assistant, telling her to have the police waiting at her house.

Andrews described Brown's blows as causing Rihanna's mouth to fill with blood. He also writes that Brown tried to choke Rihanna after she took the keys to his car away. Andrews wrote that Rihanna nearly lost consciousness but also tried to fight back while in the car, at one point trying to gouge at Brown's eyes. **AP**

also identified her as Brown's alleged victim.

Etra declined to say whether Rihanna would testify against Brown, or whether the couple had reunited.



Chris Brown appears Thursday at the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. **GETTY IMAGES**

### WHAT NEXT FOR BROWN?

If convicted, Chris Brown's possible sentence ranges anywhere from probation to four years and eight months in state prison, said district attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons.

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# red hot



Paul Rudd (clockwise from top left), Seth Rogen, Jason Segel and Jonah Hill. PHOTO BY ANNIE LEIBOVITZ, COURTESY OF VANITY FAIR



# Body shots

Did somebody say take it off? Director Judd Apatow's merry band of jokesters—Jonah Hill, Paul Rudd, Seth Rogen and Jason Segel—just about did for the April issue of Vanity Fair, which features the comedians spoofing famous photos from the past. (This one's a twist on photographer Annie Leibovitz's portrait of Scarlett Johansson, Tom Ford and Keira Knightley.) As for the rest of the feature? It's full of other funny folks in similarly ridiculous poses.

# Cougar attack

The Material Girl is the worst-dressed celebrity of 2009, according to a PETA poll. "When you see Madonna in fur, you realize why nobody has copied her style since 1984," PETA said. "We know that she's on the prowl for a young cub, but someone needs to tell Madge that wearing fur doesn't make you a cougar." Ouch!



## Fash bash

Madonna wasn't the only one criticized. Which of the following do you think is the worst-dressed? Text **"duds"** and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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**'Dancing' drop-outs**  
The "Dancing With the Stars" health curse continues. Singer Jewel and "Access Hollywood" host Nancy O'Dell have both withdrawn from Season 8 with injuries, according to a press release from ABC. Both stars will appear on the "DWTS" premiere Monday; the network will announce additional cast Monday.

## Will you be there?

The rumors of Michael Jackson startin' something are true. In a thriller of an announcement, the King of Pop announced his comeback Thursday in London—10 shows starting July 8. "I'll be performing the songs my fans want to hear," he said. Jackson didn't say anything about any concerts outside the U.K.

## 'Idol' shocker

The "American Idol" judges pulled a shocker on Thursday. For the first time in "Idol" history, Randy, Simon, Paula and Kara expanded the Top 12. "We're going to make this a Top 13," Simon said as Anoop Desai, the judges' final pick, looked around the stage in shock. He joined Matt Giraud, Jasmine Murray and Megan Corkrey as the last four in the new Top 13. The finals begin Tuesday on Fox.



## All in the family

The Osbournes (above) are so money right now. Their "Osbournes: Reloaded" variety show is set to debut March 31—right after powerhouse "American Idol." Ozzy, Sharon, Jack and Kelly get a one-time airing in the slot before running as a series of one-hour specials later in the season, Reuters reports.

## May 19

Release date for "Relapse," Eminem's first full album of new material in four years, according to **billboard.com**. The rapper also announced Thursday he plans to release a follow-up album, "Relapse 2," by the end of the year.